

NO GOUGE PLANNED, SAY COAL DEALERS

Says Price Will Fall When 2000-Pound Ton Is Legalized

EXCHANGE OFFICIAL TALKS

Says Consumer Will Pay Less for Anthracite Here Than in Camden

Efforts being made in Harrisburg to legalize the 2000-pound ton of anthracite are not grounds for fear of an attempted coal gouge in which the consumers will suffer, according to statements made today by local dealers.

The anthracite bill, providing for the change from the 2240-pound ton, passed the House last night and is now in the hands of the Senate.

Coal dealers predict that if the bill is made a law a proportionate reduction in the price of coal will be made.

Every state in the country, with the exception of Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, has standardized the 2000-pound ton, according to a statement made today by Charles K. Scull, secretary of the coal exchange. It was explained that for this reason a ton of coal could be bought cheaper in Camden than in Philadelphia. But in Philadelphia the purchaser receives 240 more pounds of coal to the ton.

Why Coal Costs Less in Camden
The difference between the price of anthracite coal bought in this city and a ton purchased in Camden averages about ninety cents at the present time.

"When the government took hold of the coal trade during the war, the 2000-pound ton of anthracite was taken as the standard and prices were fixed accordingly," Mr. Scull said today. "In Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, the consumer bought and paid for 2240-pound tons. But the reports of the dealers made to the authorities was based on the 2000-pound ton, which was the standard. This necessitated an enormous amount of bookkeeping and much unnecessary expense."

"I am of the opinion that the price of coal will be decreased to some extent if the 2240-pound ton is done away with in Pennsylvania and the 2000-pound ton legalized as the standard. At the present time, a standard ton of bituminous coal in Pennsylvania weighs 2000 pounds. But not the anthracite. Officials of the Samuel Robbins Coal Company, of Camden, said today that the reason coal can be purchased cheaper in Camden than in Philadelphia is because the ton is 240 pounds lighter there."

If the 2000-pound ton of anthracite is legalized here, it is probably, dealers say, that coal will be sold here cheaper than in Camden because the freight rates in New Jersey are higher.

Says Consumer Will Suffer
"The consumer, as always, will undoubtedly suffer in the end," according to Edward A. Noppel, president of the United Business Men's Association, commenting upon the Manufacturers' bill.

The bill provides "that 2000 pounds avoirdupois shall make and constitute a legal ton of anthracite coal throughout this commonwealth in transactions between retail coal dealers and their customers. Any person, firm or corporation guilty of violating the provisions of Section 1 of this act, whereby it is attempted to sell less than 2000 pounds of anthracite coal for a proper proportion thereof to quantities less than a ton shall, upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace or alderman, after hearing on complaint made, be liable to a penalty of not exceeding \$50, recoverable as like penalties are recoverable within this commonwealth."

SUNDAY SPORT FOES MEET

Behind Closed Doors, They Make Plans and Keep Them Secret

The Philadelphia Suburban Association, which binted at a lawsuit to suppress Sunday ball playing in Fairmount Park, met today through its executive committee, but refused to disclose its future plans in the matter.

"The committee assembled today at the association headquarters, Fourth and Chestnut streets, and conferred behind closed doors for nearly an hour."

After the conference it was stated that no further statement would be issued nor would any comment be made. The Rev. Dr. T. T. Mutchler, secretary of the association, would not add to his statement made yesterday, in which he declared any action taken would be in the interests of morality.

Dr. Mutchler hinted that ball playing in the park on Sunday may lead to the arrest of the participants and that the courts may be appealed to. The association officials are incensed at the Fairmount Park Commission's ruling in favor of "wholesome athletic recreation" on Sundays in the public parks.

Troops Back From War and Homeward Bound

ARRIVED

Plattsburg, N. Y., May 15.—From the 10th Infantry, comprising two officers and 1327 men, other passengers including 477 convalescents, the Twentieth Liverpool, which left Plattsburg, N. Y., on May 14, arrived here today. The ship brought home 691 naval men from American ships and stations in European waters, with seven officers and 356 men of the 325th Infantry of the Eighty-second "All American" Division. The men include the headquarters company, a detachment of Company M, and a sanitary detachment. They are under orders for Camp Union. The transport brought also five officers and thirty-six men, detachments of Companies A and K of the 10th Infantry, Fourth Division, and the National Guard of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, detailed for Camp Travis, and a number of casuals.

DUE TODAY

Peelers at New York, from St. Nazaire, with 2242 men, including 108th Field Artillery (old Second Pennsylvania), comprising Batteries A to F with headquarters company, sanitary, ordnance and veterinary detachments, headquarters staff and headquarters of First and Second and Third Battalions. Also aboard is a detachment from Company M, 10th Infantry, consisting of one officer and 100 men.

WELCOME-HOME BOAT OFF TO MEET SOLDIERS OF 108TH



Boatloads of relatives and friends of the returning "old Second" steamed down the river this morning on the Ashbridge, Stokley, Sylvan Dell and City of Philadelphia to meet the transport Peerless bringing the 108th Field Artillery home from overseas.

FIX QUARTER MILLION AS COST OF PAGEANT

Grand Stands and Decorations Heaviest Items in City's Expense Bill

APPROPRIATION EXHAUSTED

It cost the city more than a quarter of a million dollars to honor the Iron Division, according to partial items made public today.

The bulk of this total went into grandstands and decorations. Grandstands alone cost nearly \$170,000. Of the nine built, only two were put up by city labor from material owned by the city.

Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the stands committee, refused to make public the bills today, but where contracts have already been made, record of the contracts was available at the City Controller's office.

More bills are still to come in. No bills have yet been received for the river boats which took relatives down to meet incoming transports. The cost of taxis between city hotels and the docks, the big printing item and postage have not yet been accounted for. These bills are to come out of the balance of \$235,131.92 in Councils' committee on relief of soldiers. The city appropriation of \$100,000 has long since been eaten up.

State to Pay Its Part
Part of the expense may be borne by the state, which appropriated \$50,000 to help the celebration, but special trains between Harrisburg and this city have eaten into that fund. The state was given 3200 tickets for the big Parkway grandstand and is expected to pay a share of that cost.

Among the items is one of \$4108 for the dinner given General Muir and his staff at the Bellevue-Stratford on Wednesday night. This banquet cost \$8 a plate.

The decorations throughout the city amounted to a big item which is estimated at \$15,000. Most of this went to the Chapman Decorating Company.

The \$2 bill which each incoming soldier was given by the city on Wednesday ate up a bit more. Of the \$40,000 set aside for this purpose only \$8000 is left.

William Steele & Sons, contractors, were given the biggest part of the \$167,496 paid for the seven grandstands built by contractors.

Many Bills Not Yet In

For three stands built on the Parkway, this construction company received a total of \$90,651. The biggest stand, that for the 17,000 relatives, cost \$73,205. Cramp & Co. was paid \$62,845 for the three highly decorated stands at Independence Hall and the councilmanic stand at east side of City Hall cost \$5000. Two more stands built by the city from its own material were built on north plaza and on north Broad street. Two other smaller stands were put up at city expense, but no estimate has been made.

The bills yet to come in must come from what is left of the councilmanic relief fund. The bills cannot be paid without an o. k. from Joseph E. Widener and Judge Charles J. Williams. The unpaid bills are estimated to be many thousands more. In addition to that the cost of feeding the soldiers in the armories and at Shibe Park, which is borne by relief associations, is a large item which will bring the cost of the Iron Division reception close to \$200,000.

Knights of Malta's Deadlock Ended

Lewistown, Pa., May 15.—The annual convention of the Grand Commandery, Knights of Malta, closed here yesterday. Erie was selected as the next meeting place over Charlevoix and Coatesville. On the fifth ballot Sir Guy H. Lucas, of Commandery No. 158, Mechanicsburg, was chosen grand squire, after three days of deadlock in the balloting.

Saturday's Jamaica Entries

First race, two-year-old fillies, selling. 5 furlongs.
Polecat Jane.....103 Eastern Glow.....105
Mile, Dangle.....103 Merry Sinner.....98
Quickstep.....102
Third race, two-year-olds, the Montauk. 1 1/4 miles.
Mile, Dangle.....95 Northernward.....112
Eddie Rickard.....95 Flying Orb.....110
Bachman.....112
Fourth race, three-year-olds and up, claiming. 1 mile and 70 yards.
Tender Houseau.....108 Hubbub.....110
Relief.....105 Alma B.....108
Fierce A.....115
Sixth race, three-year-olds, 6 furlongs.
Wynndover.....101 Melancholia.....103
Younger.....112 Junior.....109
S. Quinlan.....100
Rel Cratic.....114
Seventh race, allowance claimed. 1 mile.
Weather, clear; track, fast.

Kinsfolk Off to Meet Peerless Men

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Mrs. R. C. Porter, 2227 Fitzwater street, and Elizabeth Cassidy, of 2233 West Norris street, mother and "best girl" of Private Robert C. Porter, Battery A, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cassidy, 2233 West Norris street, are with their daughter.

Lieutenant James F. McGuire, of Wayne, belonging to the Second Radio Battalion, is on the Peerless, and his brother, Lieutenant E. R. McGuire, who was discharged from the 315th Infantry some time ago, after being wounded, is on the Sylvan Dell to meet him.

Private Dorford Bruce, nineteen years old, of Battery D, will be met by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bruce, of Lansdowne, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Henry, William Schuck, a private of the same battery, will do well to have an eye out for Charles, also a soldier of the 408th M. T. C. One of the outfits that didn't go over. They live at 4434 North Fifteenth street.

And joy waits for Sergeant Charles Gout, of Battery B, because all the way to the home fire, which burns at 3448 North Eighteenth street, he will have the company of Miss Elinore Wyndish, of 5603 North Broad street.

Private Irving P. Harris, of Battery D, may chance to see his mother, Mrs. G. L. Harris, and aunt, Mrs. Graham Wilson, of Atlantic City, on the Sylvan Dell. They formerly lived in Philadelphia.

On the Ashbridge, Mrs. Elmer Simon, of 1516 Diamond street, will be waiting to smile a charming brunette smile for Private Elmer Simon, of Battery B, and Corporal Wilbert Hamilton, of Headquarters company, is hopefully expected by Miss Isabel Gile, of 1729 Tigua street, although she is not quite sure he's aboard.

The colleen who can blush—will she forgive the recording of it?—is Mary Kelly, of 2337 South Fifteenth street, and it's she that waits for Private William Frank Mahoney, of Battery A, whose home is 1920 South Twenty-second street. Blushes are scarce in France—real ones—and folk on the Sylvan Dell are congratulating William Frank in advance.

Finally, there is Miss Leedom, who is anxious to meet Private Arthur Hamill, of Battery A, who lives at 33 North Yew-dall street.

Babe to Greet Uncle

In order that Private John Costa, of Battery E, who is but nineteen years old, may get a first glimpse of his little niece, Mary Louise, his mother, who lives at 932 North Fifty-third street, will care for her large family as usual today, while Mary Louise's mother, Mrs. S. J. Costa, uses the ticket his parent sacrificed. Mrs. Costa, the elder, is the mother of nine children.

Mary Louise will convey the greetings of the family, and is expected to make her report of the parade of Battery E to her home at 720 North Forty-second street. Whether this will be "punks" or "bully-go" is a matter of conjecture, but, of course, Mary Louise, being wise, knows that the war will soon be over for uncle, and a favorite niece need not worry.

Not knowing that his mother is here visiting an aunt, Mrs. A. Zogbaum, of 309 North Thirty-third street, Lieutenant McWhorter Beers, of Laurel, Miss., is coming on the Peerless, but may go all the way home unless he is reached and advised of the surprise awaiting. The situation is this: Mrs. Beers came to Philadelphia to visit, not knowing the son was homeward-bound. The son did not expect to find her here. Now they're wiring him, as well as going to meet him on the welcome boat, to keep him from traveling thousands of miles to a home without a mother.

Among wearers of war medals aboard the Peerless is Sergeant George Wolfinger, of Battery F, whose home is at 3307 North Tenth street. He will see his mother, Mrs. L. Albrig, on the Sylvan Dell, also Miss Dorothy Klink, who is his sweetheart—but not his fiancée. She admits it, but evidently has hopes. Miss Klink lives at 1003 North Warwick street. She was accompanied by her sister, Elsie, a roomer. The sergeant got a D. S. C. and Croix de Guerre for rescuing five men who lay, wounded, exposed to heavy shell-fire. The date of his exploit, as mentioned in his citation, is September 7, 1918.

"Vets" May Get \$4 a Day

Washington, May 16.—Legislation to enable soldiers to make homestead settlements on public lands was agreed upon at a conference today between Secretary Lane and members of the House and Senate, and will be introduced when Congress convenes next week.

DEATHS

McLAUGHLIN—May 15, MARY, wife of Patrick McLaughlin and daughter of the late John and Bridget Lyons, of the nation of Massachusetts, died at her home, 1000 North 10th street, at 10:30 a. m. Burial at St. Joseph's cemetery, 10 a. m. St. Catharine's church.

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LABOR MAY FORM PARTY IN JANUARY

State Federation Decides to Consider Project in Convention

ADVICE BY U. S. OFFICIAL

Harrisburg, May 16.—Formation of a labor party in Pennsylvania will be considered at a convention to be held next January under the auspices of the State Federation of Labor, it was decided today by the Federation in annual convention here. A committee appointed for the purpose will be named to study the situation until that time and make report. The executive committee was instructed to outline principles for such a party to be considered by the proposed convention. This resolution was adopted at the instigation of Pennsylvania Lodge, International Association of Machinists, with which it originated at a meeting here this week.

Absolute fairness, both to labor and the employing class, is the policy of the Department of Labor and Industry, Clifford B. Connelly, acting commissioner, told the convention. In outlining the policy of the department he said labor will receive courteous and fair treatment at all times, but it must not expect to have the rights of the employing class infringed on. Mr. Connelly added it was to be desired that the state federation and the department work in co-operation.

Labor laws in general were considered. The committee on organization recommended that every effort be made during the succeeding year to secure the affiliation of virtually every labor organization of the state.

The work of the officials in securing the large affiliation during the last year was commended.

Resolutions were adopted in favor of the Schantz bill, which provides for a forty-eight-hour week for women; in favor of a constitutional convention and in favor of equal pay for equal work by school teachers.

It has been decided to have a committee confer with Governor Sproul relative to the refusal of Mayor Lytle, of McKeesport, to permit the Federation of Labor to hold meetings in that city.

Trade unionists, whether Mayor Lytle permits or not, have made arrangements for a big meeting at McKeesport on May 18.

HELD AS SATIN THIEF

Patrolmen Uses Pistol in Capturing Youth Lugging Suspected Loot
George Douglas, twenty-seven years old, was arrested by Patrolman Baylor, of the Peach and Media streets station, today when, with four other men, he tried to lug a box containing 400 yards of white satin into his home, 875 June street.

Baylor saw the men carrying the box at Forty-fifth street and Lancaster avenue and followed them. There the patrolman attempted to arrest the men. After firing one shot, which hit a fence, he succeeded in catching Douglas, who was held under \$500 bail by Magistrate Harris.

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PIECE OF SILVER, A
WRIST WATCH, SOME
CHINA OR CRYSTAL, A
CLOCK, AN ARTICLE
OF FINE LEATHER OR
A LAMP.

ONE CHILD DEAD; TWO ARE INJURED

Tiny Victim Fatally Scalded.
Youngster Overcome by Smoke

MOTHER RESCUES FAMILY

One child is dead, another near death from inhaling smoke, and a third suffering from severe burns of the body as the result of a series of accidents to children that occurred in this city within the last twenty-four hours.

The bravery of a mother saved the lives of four children in a fire that attacked their home in South Philadelphia this morning.

After a happy day spent with his parents seeing the "sojers" parade, which he had come from Nanticoke, Pa., to see, two-year-old Norman Ratheford, while playing at the dinner table last night, pulled a pot of scalding tea over on himself and was burned so severely he died in Habermann Hospital.

All the efforts of parents and kinsfolk to relieve his agony while help was being summoned to take him to the hospital were futile.

The accident occurred at the home of William Steveron, 645 North Tenth street. He was the uncle of the dead baby.

Infant Rescued by Neighbors
His fondness for playing with matches caused a fire at the home of three-year-old Francis Carney, 6945 Locust street today, which badly damaged the house and nearly cost the life of his year-old sister Mary. After the flames had been extinguished the boy was found hiding under a table in the kitchen.

Mrs. Julia Carney, mother of Francis, was in the yard talking to Mrs. Thomas McNelly, a neighbor. She saw flames in the dining room. Her cries for help were answered by Thomas Acheson, of Fortieth and Spring Garden streets, and John Soeberg, 5035 Osage avenue.

Learning that Mary, the year-old baby, was on the second floor, Acheson and Soeberg tried to reach there by the stairway, but were beaten back by

"The dog had nearly frightened my little daughter to death on her way to the store," said Mr. Godfrey, "and I admit I let the ax fly at it."

The fact that the animal was muzzled did not mitigate its offense in Mr. Godfrey's eyes, and he introduced witnesses to show that while the dog was supposed to act only in home defense he was really a sort of neighborhood cop, patrolling the streets by himself and fond of making bayonet charges with his teeth.

Following the wounding of the dog, Mr. Lee, it was testified, came to the animal's rescue, and, according to Mr. Godfrey, drew his official gun and threatened Mr. Godfrey with the mastery of the law, calling upon him to answer for his crime. A policeman was called from the Thirty-sixth District station house, but not, Mr. Godfrey said, until after she had been badly bruised as she blocked the invading home guard. He was trying to get into her home merely on the strength of his uniform to get at Michael, she said.

The upshot of it is that Michael is free while Mr. Lee is going to get out a warrant charging aggravated assault and battery and will also tell the S. P. C. A. of the man who threw the ax.

"Old Second" Glad to Miss Parade

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The celebration given the Twenty-eighth for the men of the Peerless, unless the men insist they don't want to parade.

Colonel Greble, commander of the 108th Field Artillery, who arrived in this city last week, has several situations to award the men. It is understood, and in all probability the ceremonies will be a part of the exercises which Colonel William R. Scott, commander of the John Wanamaker Commercial Institute Cadet Corps, is planning for the soldiers.

"We hope to give a demonstration much the same as that the Wanamaker employees gave at the time of Marshal Joffre's visit to Philadelphia," said Colonel William R. Scott, commander of the 108th field artillery, yesterday. "If the parade can be arranged, and I see no reason why anything should interfere, all the men of the 108th will be guests of the Wanamaker store afterward. We will not give them a banquet—we prefer to call it a substantial supper."

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104 S. 3rd, Bristol, Pa. 231 Mill St.
Chester, Pa. 215 Market St.
Wilmington, Del. 700 Market and 214 Market.
Camden, N. J. 1107 Broadway and 445 Main Ave.

flames. The men then ran to an adjoining house, reached the porch roof of the Carney home and broke the window of the second floor to gain entrance. Again they were beaten back by flames.

Acheson and Soeberg then procured wet towels, which they tied over their heads and entered the blazing room. They reached the bedside of the baby and gave her to a neighbor. Acheson and Soeberg were burned. The baby was taken to Mercicordia Hospital. Her condition is critical. The fire caused \$1500 damage.

Mother Rescues Four

Bravery of Mrs. Helen Soft saved her four children from probable death this morning during a fire at her home, 1175 South Tenth street.

Flames spread through the kitchen following the explosion of an oil stove. The children, ranging in age from two to ten years, were sleeping on the third floor.

Groping her way through smoke and flame to their rooms, Mrs. Soft carried them one at a time to the street. She was badly burned on the hands and arms. Mrs. Soft was taken to St. Agnes' Hospital.

Sparks from Forge Burn Girl
Alvida Napolitano, two years old, 5336 Wakefield street, Germantown, was severely burned about the head; left arm and body this afternoon when sparks from a forge near which she was playing in a blacksmith shop, set fire to her clothes. She is in the Germantown Hospital in a serious condition.

The child was playing near the entrance to the shop of J. F. Beckett, at 125 East Rittenhouse street. Daniel Fitzmartin, of 5612 Baynton street, the blacksmith, was shoeing a horse and did not notice the girl. Beckett, from the rear of the shop, saw that the child's clothes were in flames and called to Fitzmartin. The blacksmith wrapped his leather apron around the girl and smothered the flames.

Edward Johnson, of 56 Good street, who was in the shop at the time, felt when he was running to telephone for an ambulance and received cuts of the face and hands.

\$750,000 to Centenary Fund
New York, May 16.—A gift of \$750,000, half of the anonymous donor's fortune, to the Methodist centenary fund, has been announced by George M. Fowles, treasurer of the fund. Mr. Fowles, treasurer of the fund, a western man, who was not a Methodist, and who requested that his name be withheld.

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